



General	59	Jan. 1, New Year's Day; Feb. 24, Independence Day; Good
Buoyage System	59	Friday; Easter; Whitsunday; May 1, Spring Holiday; June 23,
Currency	59	Victory Day; June 24, Midsummer's Day; Aug. 20, Re-
Government	59	Independence Day; Dec. 25, Christmas Day; Dec. 26, Second
Holidays	59	Day of Christmas.
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Industries

The main industries include oil, shale, shipbuilding, phosphates, electric motors, excavators, cement, furniture, clothing, textiles, paper, and shoes.

Languages

The languages of the country are Estonian (official), Latvian, Lithuanian, and Russian.

Pilotage

Estonian Vessel Traffic Service is part of the administrative area of the Estonian National Maritime Board. The activities of the VTS are to provide pilot service, icebreaker service and radar traffic control.

Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels in the inner water areas of Estonia, such vessels may only proceed along established shipping routes or channels. However, within the Gulf of Riga the use of established shipping routes or channels is permissible without a pilot.

Request for a pilot should be made 24 hours in advance of ETA at the pilot boarding station. Vessels are required to request permission to berth 24 hours in advance of arrival in port. Pilots may be contacted on VHF channel 16.

Vessels bound for Estonian ports of Tallinn, Muuga, Kopli, and Paldiski are requested to wait for the icebreakers in position 59°10'N, 22°00'E.

General

Estonia is located in Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and Finland, between Latvia and Russia.

The climate is maritime and wet, with moderate winters and cool summers.

The terrain is of marshy lowlands.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the Estonian kroon, consisting of 100 cents.

Government

The government is a republic. The capital is Tallinn.

Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Search and Rescue

SAR operations are coordinated by MRCC Tallinn. This rescue station, in addition to Tallinn (ESA) and Pamu (ESP), maintains a continuous listening watch of the international distress frequencies.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is BRAVO (-2).

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Kentmanni 20, Tallinn EE 0001. The mailing address is the same.